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WHERE IS VERNE MARSHALL?

Former Chairman of No Foreign War Committee Mysteriously Disappears; His Newspaper, the Cedar Rapids Gazette, and Mrs. Marshall Refuse to Divulge Any Information Regarding His Present Whereabouts

The Hour learns that Mr. Verne Marshall, who until recently headed the pseudo-peace movement in the United States, has disappeared from his home town of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

In an attempt to trace the whereabouts of the former chairman of the No Foreign War Committee and to verify a report reaching us of his having been confined to an institution, on July 24 we telephoned the Cedar Rapids Gazette, Mr. Marshall's newspaper. We were told that Verne Marshall no longer has any connection with this paper; and it was hinted that dire circumstances had overtaken the erstwhile publisher of the Gazette.

Mrs. Marshall's Version

We then telephoned Verne Marshall's residence in Cedar Rapids. The following conversation took place with Mrs. Marshall:

Q: Could you tell me where I can locate Mr. Marshall?

A: I'm sorry, I can't tell you where Mr. Marshall is at present.

Q: Is it possible for me to reach him by long distance telephone?

A: I'm sorry but it isn't.

Q: But why not? I just wish to speak with him for a few minutes.

A: His doctor has given instructions that he's not to be disturbed. He's away for a rest.

Q: Perhaps you can give me the name of the institution where he's confined?

A (after a pause): Who told you he has been confined to an institution?

Q: I understood that from my conversation with the Gazette.

A: Well, I'm not saying yes or no. I am not giving out any information.

Marshall's Appeasement Career

As an intimate of such key U. S. Munichmen as Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Charles A. Lindbergh, and William Rhodes Davis, and as chairman of the No Foreign War Committee, Verne Marshall was slated for important work in the fascistic "peace" movement in this country. He had been selected for the job because W. R. Davis and other financial backers of the appeasement campaign in America had decided he had all the necessary qualifications. He was an isolationist publisher from the midwest, who at one time had won the Pulitzer Prize in journalism. He had a very respectable background and could be hailed as a "one-hundred per cent American." He was a good orator. He possessed a flair for the dramatic.

But Marshall let his backers down. He grew careless in New York and allowed himself to become publicly associated with the German-American Bund, the Christian Front and other disreputable stormtroop bands. Wheeler, Lindbergh & Co. had nothing against Marshall's cooperating with these fascist groups, which they themselves were quietly fostering. However, they did object to the unfavorable publicity which resulted from Marshall's lack of tact. They withdrew their support from him and disclaimed all connection with his movement.

Final Chapter

The discredited champion of appeasement returned to Iowa.

He became increasingly rabid in his support of the native fascist movement. He developed contacts with Charles Hudson, Charles Phillips and other violent professional anti-Semites (see *The Hour* for April 5). Bitter because of the fiasco of his No Foreign War Committee, he began to lose whatever cunning and control he had once possessed. His anti-democratic efforts became more and more fanatical.

Today Verne Marshall's fascistic career seems to have reached a grim conclusion.

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NAZI PROPAGANDA AGENCY

The Hour learns that a center for Nazi propaganda activity is located in Detroit, Michigan, at 3152 Gratiot Avenue. The office at this address operates under various names: Europe Import Company, Europe Travel Office, German Import Company, and German Travel Office. Theodore Donay and Felix Donay, of 3154 Ludden Street, are in charge of the organization, which has as its sole function the carrying out of behests of the Third Reich.

Theodore Donay, who is listed at the Wayne County Office as one of the incorporators of the Europe Import Company and the other dummy organizations mentioned above, maintains close contact with the German Library of Information in New York City and regularly receives guidance from this key Nazi propaganda agency.

When an investigator from The Hour recently visited 3152 Gratiot Avenue, he observed a small notice stating Samelstelle Fur Kyffhauser Hilswerk (Collecting Agency for Kyffhauser Aid Activities). The Kyffhauserbund is a notorious Nazi organization which raises funds in the United States under the pretense that this money will be used for charitable purposes in Germany. The Kyffhauserbund operates directly under the supervision of the Third Reich and turns over its collections to the Deutsche Reichbank.

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COUGHLIN PROPHECIES

Today Father Charles E. Coughlin makes no attempt to conceal his fervent hope that the Third Reich emerges victorious from the Second World War; and with similar candor he voices the happy belief that a Nazi victory in Europe will result in a fascist revolt in the United States. The July 14 issue of his publication Social Justice contains a striking example of the Royal Oak priest's wishful thinking. An article on "The Outcome of the War" states in part:

"Within a fortnight Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia welcomed the intrusion of Nazi forces. White Russia and Ukraine followed suit. Inevitably Moscow and Leningrad, not too far distant from the German borderland, will hear the steps of the Nazi invaders.

"The house of cards that 'jack' built -- the 'jack' partially supplied by Jacob Schiff of Kuhn, Loeb and Company -- will have fallen. The threat of world-wide Communism will have evaporated. ...

"With the impending fall of Russia and the decadence of the British Empire, their New Deal supporters in these United States already find themselves leaning over the apex of their achievements. Soon, their descent into oblivion will be quick and sure."

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"PATRIOTIC" MURDER

Last week The Hour reported that the National Workers' League was playing an active part in the fascist campaign that is gathering momentum in Detroit, Michigan. We are now in receipt of the League's most recent confidential bulletin, which contains among other incitements to violence the following statement:

"Fellow-citizens! Don't you often feel a primitive urge to get your hands around the throat of one of these 'democrats' who believe in Union Now with England? It seems murder does have some patriotic values."

In view of the fact that the League leadership consists largely of former members of the Black Legion, which carried out a series of murders in Michigan during 1935 and 1936, an immediate investigation of the present activities of the National Workers' League is highly advisable.

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FASCIST-UKRAINIAN MANEUVER

We learn that new tactics are being adopted by the Nazi-Ukrainian ODWU (Organization for the Rebirth of the Ukraine), in order that this terroristic band can more effectively carry out its anti-democratic activities in the United States. In the past, the ODWU has operated under highly centralized direction. A small group of key men, receiving their instructions direct from ODWU headquarters in Berlin, have supervised all the work of the U. S. branches of the organization.

Now that Ukrainian fascist activities in this country are being investigated by the federal authorities, the ODWU has decided to de-centralize its leadership. The purpose of this strategy is to insure the continued pro-Nazi operation of the ODWU in the event that certain of its leaders are taken into custody.

Already the ODWU has split into three separate divisions. In place of the customary annual convention of the ODWU, three different conventions took place this month. One was held in New York City at the Hotel Imperial. It was attended by delegates from only forty-three of the more than one hundred ODWU branches that are scattered across the country. A second convention was held simultaneously in Atlantic City, New Jersey. A third occurred in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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